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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 9) mailed on September 10, 2002 in the above-captioned patent application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included with this paper. A Notice of Appeal is being filed under separate envelope. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reexamination of the application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly add the following new claims. The claims are also shown in the attachment to this paper entitled "Version Showing Changes Made."

Claim 20. A process of producing materials, the process comprising:

- (a) providing organic and inorganic networks which interpenetrate on a scale of no more than 100 nm, the organic and inorganic networks which interpenetrate on a scale of no more than 100 nm produced by a method comprising:

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